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PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT

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Bury St. Edmunds.



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THEDWASTRE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL 1968

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PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY

- (a) Medical - One whole-time Medical Officer of Health
Dr. E. Kinnear, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H..

This officer holds in addition the following appointments

Medical Officer of Health Sudbury Borough Council
Hadleigh U.D.C.
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Assistant County Medical Officer and School Medical
Officer, West Suffolk County Council.

- (b) (I) One Public Health Inspector (Retired 31st March 1968)
O. J. Wyatt, M.A.P.H.I., Meat Cert. R.S.H.
Mr. Wyatt is also Surveyor to the Council.
- (II) One Additional Public Health Inspector (Appointed Chief Public
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1968)
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- (c) A. Chiverall
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ANNUAL REPORT OF MEDICAL
OFFICER OF HEALTH

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Municipal Offices,

Belle Vue,

Sudbury,

Suffolk.

June, 1969

To the Chairman and Members of the
Thedwastre Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the Public Health Services for the year 1968.

The birth rate was a little lower than last year (5 fewer babies were born) but the rate is still well above the National average. There were two deaths of infants under one year. The illegitimacy rate at 6.5% is lower than in 1967. The death rate remains low. In this Year's report causes of death are recorded in some greater detail, and are not, therefore, strictly comparable with the table for 1967.

There were no major outbreaks of infectious disease.

I am grateful to the Chairman and Members of the Council for their kindness to me during the year. I wish to thank also, Mr. A. Owen, the Clerk to the Council, Mr. F. G. Lambert, the Senior Surveyor and Public Health Inspector and all other Officers of the Council for their help to me.

I am,

Your Obedient Servant,

E. KINNEAR

Medical Officer of Health.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area. 34,126 acres.

	<u>1968</u>	<u>1967</u>
Registrar General's estimate of the resident population.	9,960	(9,860)
Number of inhabited houses at end of year.	3,852	(3,805)
Rateable Value.	£212,405	(£204,411)
Sum represented by a penny rate.	£818	(£756)

VITAL STATISTICS

There are no towns in the district. There are large villages at Elmswell, Norton, Rattlesden, Thurston and Walsham-le-Willows. Much of the employment is agricultural, though there is a bacon factory at Elmswell employing a number of people.

LIVE BIRTHS

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	156 (158)	79 (79)	77 (79)
Illegitimate	11 (14)	5 (9)	6 (5)
Total	<u>167 (172)</u>	<u>84 (88)</u>	<u>83 (84)</u>

Adjusted birth rate (comparability factor 1.08 (1.09)) 18.0 (18.9)

Birth rate per 1,000 population (England and Wales) 16.9 (17.2)

Percentage of illegitimate live births of TOTAL live births 6.5 (8.1)

STILLBIRTHS

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	2 (1)	1 (1)	1 (-)
Illegitimate	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
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Total	2 (1)	1 (1)	1 (-)
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TOTAL LIVE AND STILLBIRTHS

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	158 (159)	80 (80)	78 (79)
Illegitimate	11 (14)	5 (9)	6 (5)
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Total	169 (173)	85 (89)	84 (84)
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Stillbirth rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths 11.8 (5.7)

Stillbirth rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths, England and Wales
14.0 (14.8)

INFANT MORTALITY Deaths of infants under One Year

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	2 (-)	2 (-)	- (-)
Illegitimate	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
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Total	2 (-)	2 (-)	- (-)
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Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births	11.9	(Nil)
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births (England and Wales)	18.0	(18.3)

NEONATAL MORTALITY

Deaths of infants under Four Weeks

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	2 (-)	2 (-)	- (-)
Illegitimate	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
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Total	2 (-)	2 (-)	- (-)
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EARLY NEONATAL MORTALITY

Deaths of infants under One Week

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	1 (-)	1 (-)	- (-)
Illegitimate	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
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Total	1 (-)	1 (-)	- (-)
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PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE

Stillbirths and deaths under one week per 1,000 total live and stillbirths	17.7	(6.0)
Perinatal Mortality Rate, England and Wales	25.0	(25.4)

The causes of infant deaths and stillbirths were as follows :-

<u>Sex</u>	<u>Age at death</u>	<u>Cause</u>
Male	1 day	Respiratory failure
Male	19 days	Congenital abnormalities
Male	40 weeks (intrauterine)	Intrauterine asphyxia (placental insufficiency)
Female	36 weeks (intrauterine)	Erythroblastosis foetalis (Rhesus incompatibility)

DEATHS

<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
107 (115)	51 (53)	56 (62)

Adjusted death rate (comparability factor 0.87 (0.91))	9.3	(10.6)
Death rate per 1,000 population (England and Wales)	11.9	(11.2)
Number of women dying in or as a consequence of childbirth, pregnancy or abortion	NIL	(1.0)
Maternal mortality rate	NIL	(5.8)

COMPARATIVE VITAL STATISTICS

	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
Birth Rate (corrected)	17.4	18.8	19.1	21.2	19.7	20.3	21.0	20.2	18.9	18.0
Death Rate (corrected)	10.7	9.0	11.3	10.6	11.0	8.4	12.4	10.6	10.6	11.9
Infant Mortality Rate	28.4	32.5	12.8	22.7	28.9	21.9	20.9	48.6	-	11.9
Number of Infant Deaths	4	5	2	4	5	4	4	9	-	2

The following table obtained from information supplied by the Registrar General gives the causes and the number of deaths occurring during 1968.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
All causes	107 (115)	51 (53)	56 (62)
Tuberculosis, other.	1 (-)	- (-)	1 (-)
Malignant neoplasm, lung bronchus.	7 (4)	6 (4)	1 (-)
Malignant neoplasm, breast.	3 (1)	- (-)	3 (1)
Leukaemia.	1 (1)	- (1)	1 (-)
Other malignant neoplasms.	12 (13)	6 (5)	6 (8)
Other diseases of Nervous System, etc..	2	2	-
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease.	1	-	1
Hypertensive Disease.	2	-	2
Ischaemic Heart Disease.	20 (27)	7 (12)	13 (15)
Other forms of Heart Disease.	3	3	-
Cerebrovascular Disease.	15 (20)	5 (7)	10 (13)
Other Diseases of Circulatory System.	2 (4)	2 (1)	- (3)
Influenza.	1 (-)	1 (-)	- (-)
Pneumonia.	15 (11)	4 (5)	11 (6)
Bronchitis and Emphysema.	6 (6)	6 (4)	- (2)
Asthma.	1	-	1
Other Diseases of Respiratory System.	2 (3)	1 (3)	1 (-)
Peptic Ulcer.	3 (1)	1 (1)	2 (-)
Hyperplasia of Prostate.	2 (-)	2 (-)	- (-)
Congenital Anomalies.	2	1	1
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc..	1	1	-
Symptoms and Ill-Defined conditions.	1	1	-
All Other Accidents.	3	1	2
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries.	1 (1)	1 (1)	- (-)

Deaths from Cancers (all types, including leukaemia) 21.4%

<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
23	12	11

Heart and Circulatory disease 40.1%

<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
43	17	26

of this total : Ischaemic heart disease 18.6%

<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
20	7	13

Cerebrovascular disease (strokes) 14.0%

<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
15	5	10

Diseases of the respiratory system 23.3%

<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
25	12	13

Deaths by-age groups

	Under 4 weeks	Under 1	1 -	5 -	15 -	25 -	35 -	45 -	55 -	65 -	75 and over
1968	2	-	2	1	-	1	3	3	13	32	50
1967		(-)	(-)	(1)	(-)	(1)	(2)	(4)	(18)	(27)	(62)

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

	Total	Male	Female
Notifications received	11 (138)	6 (64)	5 (74)
Scarlet Fever	4 (9)	2 (5)	2 (4)
Whooping Cough	- (3)	- (1)	- (2)
Measles	6 (124)	3 (57)	3 (67)
Acute Pneumonia	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Food Poisoning	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Infectious Hepatitis	1 (1)	1 (1)	- (-)
Tuberculosis, respiratory	- (1)	- (-)	1 (1)
Tuberculosis, other	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)

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CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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WATER SUPPLY

The West Suffolk Water Board is the authority for the area.

The following table indicates the position in each parish (taken from the Council's records only) at the end of 1968.

Parish	Total Houses in Parish	Houses in parish with a piped water supply into the house. Number in brackets indicate those supplied by standpipe		% with mains water at end of 1968		
				In House	Stand-pipe	Total %
		1968	1967			
Great Ashfield	120	92 (13)	87 (17)	77	11	88
Badwell Ash	164	115 (29)	105 (29)	70	18	88
Beyton	150	141 (8)	141 (8)	94	5	99
Drinkstone	165	121 (11)	115 (15)	73	7	80
Elmswell	531	445 (45)	443 (46)	84	8	92
Felsham	127	110 (14)	108 (15)	87	11	98
Gedding	52	46 (6)	44 (6)	88	12	100
Hessett	114	93 (11)	86 (12)	82	10	92
Hinderclay	79	59 (14)	58 (15)	75	18	93
Hunston	44	34 (6)	34 (6)	77	14	91
Langham	37	23 (8)	23 (8)	62	22	84
Norton	282	218 (17)	211 (21)	77	6	83
Rattlesden	287	233 (32)	225 (34)	81	11	92
Rickinghall Inf.	115	104 (11)	104 (11)	90	10	100
Stowlangtoft	75	60 (3)	58 (4)	80	4	84
Thurston	485	363 (9)	348 (17)	75	2	77
Tostock	150	102 (10)	102 (10)	68	7	75
Walsham-le-Willows	302	212 (44)	210 (45)	70	15	85
Wattisfield	140	105 (27)	104 (27)	75	19	94
Woolpit	433	381 (35)	365 (37)	88	8	96
	3,852	3,057 (353)	2,971 (383)	79	9	88

During the year seven samples of water from private well supplies were taken for bacteriological examination.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

No new public sewers were constructed during the year, but fresh connections continued to be made to those already in use.

It is hoped that in 1969 a start will be made on a sewerage scheme for the parish of Tostock, and on sewer extensions in the parishes of Elmswell and Woolpit.

The following table shows the extent to which the district is provided with public sewers :-

Parish	Total number of dwellings	Number of dwellings on line of sewers	Number of dwellings on line of sewer Connected to sewers	Number of dwellings Not Connected to sewers	No. of dwellings connected to sewers during 1968	No. of dwellings not on line of sewers
Great Ashfield	120	26*	26*	-	-	94
Badwell Ash	164	82	67	15	-	82
Beyton	150	125	107	18	-	25
Drinkstone	165	93	67	26	26	72
Elmswell	531	427	401	26	1	104
Felsham	127	81	67	14	2	46
Gedding	52	26	26	-	-	26
Hessett	114	101	86	15	13	13
Hinderclay	79	12*	12*	-	-	67
Hunston	44	-	-	-	-	44
Langham	37	-	-	-	-	37
Norton	282	221	188	33	1	61
Rattlesden	287	166	158	8	7	121
Rickinghall Inf.	115	72	65	7	-	43
Stowlangtoft	75	-	-	-	-	75
Thurston	485	330	259	71	17	155
Tostock	150	-	-	-	-	150
Walsham-le-Willows	302	258	209	49	15	44
Wattisfield	140	97	56	41	8	43
Woolpit	433	254	238	16	-	179
Totals	3,852	2,371	2,032	339	90	1,481

* These sewers are solely for the Council's Housing Sites.

EMPTYING OF CESSPOOLS AND SEPTIC TANKS

As will be seen from the preceeding table there are 1,481 properties in the district which cannot, at present, be connected to a public sewer. It is possible that if public sewers are eventually provided at Hinderclay, Hunston, Langham, Stowlangtoft and Tostock this number could be reduced by 300 to 1,181.

It follows that these 1,181 properties will therefore have to depend on cesspools or septic tanks if they are to enjoy the benefits of baths, wash-hand basins, sinks, and water closets.

The number of tanks emptied during 1968 as compared with the 1967 figures are as follows :-

	<u>1968</u>		<u>1967</u>	
Council Houses	480	(738 loads)	539	(833 loads)
Private Houses	339	(455 loads)	422	(617 loads)
Out of District	8	(10 loads)	5	(7 loads)
Schools	NIL		NIL	

The table on the following page indicates the extent of the work carried out during the year.

Cesspool Clearance from 1st January 1968 to 31st December 1968

Parish	COUNCIL HOUSES		PRIVATE HOUSES		TOTAL	
	Cesspools emptied	loads	Cesspools emptied	loads	Cesspools emptied	loads
Great Ashfield	125	259	10	10	135	269
Badwell Ash	21	22	12	18	33	40
Beyton	-	-	19	24	19	24
Drinkstone	6	6	17	17	23	23
Elmswell	-	-	46	91	46	91
Felsham	-	-	11	12	11	12
Gedding	-	-	7	9	7	9
Hessett	-	-	3	3	3	3
Hinderclay	9	11	1	1	10	12
Hunston	-	-	15	16	15	16
Langham	-	-	8	12	8	12
Norton	-	-	7	9	7	9
Rattlesden	-	-	17	19	17	19
Rickingham Inf.	1	1	2	2	3	3
Stowlangtoft	208	250	10	13	218	263
Thurston	-	-	31	56	31	56
Tostock	110	189	49	50	159	239
Walsham-le-Willows	-	-	8	10	8	10
Wattisfield	-	-	9	10	9	10
Woolpit	-	-	57	73	57	73
	480	738	339	455	819	1193
Schools					-	-
Out of District	- Bradfield, Hepworth, Redgrave, Stowmarket, Wortham.				8	10
1968 total	480	738	339	455	927	1203
1967 total	539	833	422	617	966	1457
Pumping out at Sewerage Works and Pumping Stations in district -						163 vehicle hours during year.

RIVERS AND STREAMS

The water courses within the district show no noticeable pollution by soil drainage but some ditches, especially in the thinly populated areas, are undoubtedly affected by the effluent from septic tanks.

Prolonged heavy rain during 14th and 15th September changed the small streams throughout the district into raging torrents - flooding occurred at all low-lying areas and 46 dwellings were involved as follows :-

Walsham-le-Willows	-	<u>25</u>	dwellings were involved and near the Old School the depth of water in The Street rose to 4 feet.
Wattisfield	-	<u>10</u>	dwellings including 6 aged persons dwellings which were nearly ready for occupation.
Rickingham Inferior-		<u>7</u>	dwellings involved especially in Water Lane.
Norton	-	<u>4</u>	dwellings at Ixworth Road.

Other dwellings were affected by surface water draining from fields saturated by the abnormal summer rains and packed hard by the harvesting machinery.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

Owing to financial considerations the planned duplication of the refuse collection service during 1968 had to be deferred for the time being but a weekly back-door collection of refuse throughout the district must continue to be the aim of your Public Health Department.

Following the implementation of the Civic Amenities Act 1968 the Council's decision to collect and dispose of items too bulky to be included in the normal collection service has helped to clean up the countryside and has also proved to be a tonic in the field of good public relations.

The quantity of material discarded by the public continues to increase in both weight and volume, and it is estimated that during the year 15,000 cub. yards, weighing 2,200 tons, of refuse were collected and buried in the three pits at present in use at Elmswell, Hinderclay and Woolpit. That the controlled tipping practised at these pits has proved successful is reflected in the fact that no complaints concerning refuse disposal have been received during the year.

THE ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE OF THE DISTRICT

The following table shows the number of visits and inspections carried out by your officers during the year, and is an indication of the wide spread duties now imposed on the Public Health Department.

Housing Inspections - Visits	1,382
Building - Work in Progress - Visits	1,813
Civic Amenities Act - Inspections and Investigations	26
Drainage - Work in Progress - Visits	311
Slaughterhouse - Visits	227
Owners Interviewed	401
Caravans - Visits	53
Shops - Visits	72
O.S.R.A. - Inspections	28
Factories W/P - Visits	196
Factories N/P - Visits	-
Refuse Tips - Visits	116
Sewage Works - Visits	281
Food Premises - Visits	188
Improvement Grants - Investigations	151
Cesspools Inspected	43
Complaints Investigated	151
Ditches Inspected	66
Water Supplies Investigated	43
Farms - Visits	34
Direct Labour - Work in Progress	476
Roads Inspected	75
Kennels	4

FACTORY ACT, 1937

Inspections for Purposes of Provision as to Health

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, & 6, are to be enforced by Local Authorities	1	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	32	196	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority + (excluding out-workers premises)	428	487	-	-

+ i.e. Electrical Stations (Section 103 (i)).
Institutions (Section 104) and sites of Building
Operations and Works of Engineering Construction
(Sections 107 and 108).

Outwork Sections 110 and 111. No notification of out-work was
received.

Premises classified as factories in Thedwastre comprise :-
(including factories awaiting notification from the Ministry)

Agricultural Engineering Works	3
Corn and Seed Merchants	6
Garages	11
Joinery	4
Meal Mixing	1
Pottery	1
Printing Works	1
Slaughterhouses	1
Sand/Gravel and Concrete mixing	4
Warehouses	2

SHOPS

Inspection of the ventilation and sanitary accommodation provisions under the Shops Act, 1950 were made.

The following are the number of shops through the District :-

<u>Shops not Associated with Food</u>		<u>Shops Associated with Food</u>	
Boot Repairer	1	Butchers	4
Garages	11	Cafes	3
Hairdressers	3	Fish Fryers	2
Hardware	1	Grocers	42
Post Offices	2	Public Houses	28
Tailor	1		
Watch Repairer	1		
Wool Shop	1		

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

(a) REGISTRATION AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of Premises	Number of premises registered during the year	Number of registered premises at end of year
Offices	1	1
Retail Shops	1	18
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	1	1
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	-	3
Fuel storage depots	-	1
Totals	3	24

Total number of visits of all kinds by inspectors to Registered Premises under the Act. 28

(b) CONTRAVENTIONS

NIL

CARAVAN SITES

There are fifteen individual sites in six villages; these have not created any serious problems.

In May twenty two caravans were moved onto a site in the centre of Woolpit and although, in fact, very little nuisance was caused the nearby residents complained bitterly. The travellers were eventually persuaded to move on after twenty eight days.

SMOKE ABATEMENT

There has been no need for action under the Clean Air Act.

SWIMMING BATHS

There are no swimming baths available to the public in the Thedwastre District, but work was started on one at Beyton Secondary Modern School. It is hoped that this will be brought into use during 1969.

INSECT PESTS

Wasps proved to be somewhat troublesome during the summer and one hundred and twenty nests were destroyed. A few isolated complaints concerning flies, clover bugs, fleas and ants were also dealt with.

RODENT CONTROL

After the mild winter of 1967/8 the rat population was slightly more troublesome than at any time since 'Wafarin' first became available, and in the last few months of the year the Council's part-time rodent operator was kept rather too busy.

Details of his inspections and treatments are as follows :-

<u>Properties other than sewers</u>	<u>Type of Property</u>	
	<u>Non-Agricultural</u>	<u>Agricultural</u>
1. Number of properties in district	3,852	256
2. (a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	530	4
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats	410	3
(ii) Mice	120	1
3. (a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	3,079	61
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats	563	48
(ii) Mice	194	21
<u>Sewers</u>		
4. Number of sewers infested by rats during the year	NIL	

HOUSING INSPECTIONS

1.	(1)	(a)	Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	945
		(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	1,382
	(2)	(a)	Number of dwellinghouses (including under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925	27
		(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	27
	(3)		Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	10
	(4)		Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	9
2.	<u>Remedy of Defects during the year without service of formal notices :</u>			
			Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	10
3.	<u>Action under Statutory powers during the year</u>			
	(A)	<u>Proceedings under Sections 9,10,12 and 39 of the Housing Act 1957</u>		
		(1)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	NIL
		(2)	Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices	NIL
		(a)	By Owners	---
		(b)	By Local Authority in default of Owners	---

(B) Proceedings under Public Health Acts

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| (1) | Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied | NIL |
| (2) | Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices | NIL |
| (a) | By Owners | --- |
| (b) | By Local Authority in default of Owners | --- |

(C) Proceedings under Sections 16,17,19,21 and 23 of the Housing Act 1957

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| (1) | Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made | 1 |
| (2) | Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders | 7 |
| (3) | Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Closing Orders were made or undertakings accepted not to re-let for human habitation | 9 |

(D) Proceedings under Sections 18, 19 and 27 of the Housing Act 1957

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| (1) | Number of parts of dwellinghouses in respect of which Closing Orders were made | NIL |
| (2) | Number of parts of dwellinghouses closed in pursuance of Closing Orders | NIL |
| (3) | Number of Demolition Orders revoked | NIL |
| (4) | Number of Undertakings cancelled | 17 |

(E) Proceedings under Sections 42 and 43 of the Housing Act 1957

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|-----|----------------------------------------------|-----|
| (1) | Number of houses included in Clearance Areas | NIL |
|-----|----------------------------------------------|-----|

Housing Act 1936 - Part IV - Overcrowding

- (a) (1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year NIL
 (2) Number of families dwelling therein NIL
 (3) Number of persons dwelling therein NIL
 (b) Number of new cases of overcrowding relieved during the year NIL
 (c) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year NIL
 (2) Number of persons concerned in such cases NIL
 (d) Particulars of any cases in which dwellinghouses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding NIL

New houses provided in the post-war years have been :-

	1946 to 1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	Total
Private houses	89	28	23	27	41	50	38	43	73	48	76	75	65	38	57	771
Council houses	291	13	44	6	15	10	12	38	21	45	46	39	12	21	7	620
Total	380	41	67	33	56	60	50	81	94	93	122	114	77	59	64	1,391

The following table shows the number of dwellings provided by the Council :-

Parish	Total Dwellings in Parish	Total Council Dwellings	Pre-War	War Time	1946 to 1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	% of Council Dwelling in Parish
Great Ashfield	120	30	16	2	10	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
Badwell Ash	164	30	19	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	18
Beyton	150	45	20	-	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Drinkstone	165	30	10	2	16	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	18
Elmswell	531	197	55	-	50	16	10	10	9	33	14	-	-	37
Felsham	127	40	10	-	18	-	-	6	-	-	-	6	-	31
Gedding	52	18	10	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35
Hessett	114	36	12	-	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32
Hinderclay	79	19	7	-	10	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Hunston	44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Langham	37	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Norton	282	85	33	-	38	6	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	30
Rattlesden	287	67	18	-	26	4	2	4	-	-	6	7	-	23
Rickingham Inf.	115	32	2	-	20	-	4	-	6	-	-	-	-	28
Stowlangtoft	75	20	6	-	8	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	27
Thurston	485	55	17	-	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	11
Tostock	150	28	14	-	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19
Walsham-le-Willows	302	72	38	-	18	2	-	-	14	-	-	-	-	24
Wattisfield	140	31	18	-	10	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	22
Woolpit	433	130	26	-	62	8	-	25	9	-	-	-	-	30
Totals	3,852	965	331	4	391	38	21	45	46	39	22	21	7	25

HOUSING FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE

The foregoing table includes sixty two bungalows built especially for Aged Persons. These are distributed throughout the district as follows :-

Elmswell	6	Stowlangtoft	6
Felsham	6	Thurstun	6
Norton	8	Walsham-le-	6
Rattlesden	6	Willows	
Rickingham Inf.	6	Woolpit	12

A further eighteen are in course of erection - six at Badwell Ash, six at Tostock, and six at Wattisfield.

MEALS ON WHEELS

The W.R.V.S. continue their fine and appreciated service from the Elmswell and Walsham-le-Willows kitchens, and deliver cooked meals on two days each week to elderly persons in ten villages.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

There are four retail butchers in the district, two of whom purchase their meat from wholesalers outside the district. The remaining two have slaughterhouses of their own at Elmswell and Walsham-le-Willows. Animals slaughtered during the year were as follows :-

(A) MEAT INSPECTION

<u>CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED</u>	<u>CATTLE EXCLUDING COWS</u>	<u>COWS</u>	<u>CALVES</u>	<u>SHEEP AND LAMBS</u>	<u>PIGS</u>
Number killed	178	1	6	25	134,524
Number <u>Not</u> inspected	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	264
Carcases of which some part of organ was condemned	12	-	-	-	17,347
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	1,156
<u>Cysticerci</u>					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-

Note. The above figures include 134,522 pigs killed at the St. Edmunds Bacon Factory, Elmswell. The figure for 1967 was 129,892.

Whole and part carcasses condemned at the St. Edmunds Bacon Factory are as follows (these are also included in the above figures) :-

264	Whole carcasses	-	5,105	heads (weighing	61,260	lbs)
			9,595	plucks ("	67,165 lbs)
			1,586	guts ("	4,758 lbs)
			785½	pairs ("	393 lbs)
				kidneys		
			577	pairs ("	1,731 lbs)
				flares		

Three meat inspectors are employed at the bacon factory, and a 100% inspection of carcasses is achieved.

Cysticercus Bovis - 26 carcasses were refrigerated at the Great Ashfield Cold Store.

Imported Food - 250 cartons Boneless Beef from imported containers.

(B) MEAT SPECIMENS EXAMINED

Four meat specimens were submitted to laboratory for pathological examination.

(C) MEAT INSPECTION (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1966

No orders have been made specifying days and time of slaughtering at any slaughterhouse in the district.

(D) SLAUGHTERHOUSES

Prevention of Cruelty Regulations

Number of contraventions NIL

Hygiene Regulations - Part III - Equipment

Number of contraventions NIL

- Part IV - Hygienic practices

Number of contraventions NIL

(E) UN SOUND FOOD SURRENDERED OR CONDEMNED

Meat at slaughterhouses - weighing 86 tons, 12 cwts, 106 lbs.

Mixed foodstuffs condemned

following flooding of
four shops during - weighing - tons, 11 cwt, 68 lbs.
September

(F) FOREIGN BODIES IN FOOD ETC.

Number of complaints NIL

